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FOOD FIRST FACTOR BALFOUR TELLS U. S.

No Immediate Need of More Troops in Europe, Allied Officials Declare.

MANY EXPERTS HERE

Shipping, Finance, Military and Naval Plans are Now Being Outlined.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, April 23.—What the Allies want from the United States more than anything else is food. This vital fact emerged above all others from the trappings of diplomatic courtesy attending the initial reception of Arthur J. Balfour, British foreign minister, and party by President Wilson today.

While today is apparently given over to surface courtesy and diplomatic exchange of greetings, the commission plunged at once into the consideration of the vital problem of shipping munitions, finance and military and naval affairs concerning the Allies.

There is no "immediate concern regarding the sending of troops to Europe," the officials stated.

Balfour conferred with President Wilson. President Cunliffe of the Bank of England conferred with Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo.

Naval experts of both nations met with Secretary Daniels. Military experts talked with Secretary Baker. Shipping and trade advisers, with a corps of statistical and market experts, got down to details immediately with Commerce Department officials. It was a pool of British brains and bitter war experience with American wealth and resourcefulness.

It was made clear by high officials of the commission that the thought uppermost in the minds of the British representatives is that the Allies must have food.

"I wish to make it plain," said this spokesman, "that we are not here to tell you what to do. We have our own ideas as to how you can help. We come equipped with facts; to tell you what mistakes we have made and how you can avoid them; prices we have paid for what we have accomplished and whether the price we paid is too much for your country to pay. The Allies' greatest problem and the one you can give the greatest aid in, is that of food, which involves that of shipping.

"Please remember there is no British food problem, no French food problem, no Italian or Russian food problem. It is all one great question. At a recent Allied conference the delegates agreed to pool their food supplies. While England is not short of food and probably could get along if she had only herself to consider, all is not well with France and Italy. Their food shortage is acute. It is growing more so."

The British commission is not immediately concerned over the sending of troops to Europe, it was explained. Their manpower is sufficient for the moment, and the sending of men to Europe now would make the food problem critical and out of proportion to the fighting strength obtained.

No action, either regarding men or food, will be taken until the French commission arrives.

College of Agriculture Posters Out.

The extension service of the College of Agriculture has issued two new posters to assist in the food production campaign. Poster No. 4 deals with the control of garden insects. Pictures of the insects and their larvae are shown, and the text tells when to spray and what to use. Ten thousand of these posters were printed. Poster No. 5 is on the subject "Make Pork on Forage," with photographs and a table of succession for crops for all seasons. Five thousand were printed. The posters will be distributed throughout the state to banks, railway stations and schoolhouses.

Alumna to Head Latin Department.

Miss Beas Carter, B. S. in Education '13, and A. B. '14, has been elected head of the Latin department of the Warrensburg Normal School. Miss Carter has taught six years in Missouri high schools at Tipton, Hannibal, and Columbia. She will take up her new work at the start of the summer term.

39 WOMEN JOIN RESERVE CORPS

Real Desire to Help Is Back of Move, Says Miss Eva Johnston.

Thirty-nine University women have registered for the University Women's Reserve Corps. "The fact that there is not a rush to go into this," said Miss Eva Johnston, adviser of women, "indicates that the girls are taking it seriously and that it is not merely a fad. I am trying to talk to each girl who comes to register. They do not always sign. Many go away to think it over. While I feel sure that every girl who has signed hopes the war will end before she can possibly serve, if she is needed she wants to be able to give efficient service in a special line. The girls who are not already efficient in some special line will give extra time in the effort to become so."

The women who have been excused to work on farms, and the kind of work they will do, follows: Miss Orpha V. Drumm, Columbia, poultry and dairying; Miss Blanche Schmitt, Galatin, vegetable gardening; Miss Luduska Hammack, Ridgeway, poultry and gardening; Miss Naomi Shrader, Kansas City, chicken raising and truck gardening; Mrs. Floy E. Burgess, Springfield, general farming, grain and livestock; Miss Grace Rigney, Albany, poultry raising; Miss Irmel Metherton, Gilman City, 2-acre tract of onions and potatoes.

With the exception of Mrs. Burgess, those excused will work at their homes. Three of the women are from the School of Education; two, from the College of Agriculture; two, from the College of Arts and Science.

GLEE AND MANDOLIN CLUBS QUIT

Cancel Date, Refuse Offers, Stop Practice—Some Back to Farm.

In keeping with the war spirit that is daily growing stronger among the University students, the Glee and Mandolin clubs decided Wednesday night to cancel the second home concert planned for next month and to discontinue practice for the rest of this year. Requests for concerts had been received by Manager Frank Gillett from Carthage and Fayette, but the offers were rejected.

Several members of the clubs have already obtained excuses to work on the farm and will leave soon. David Benks will go to his father's plantation in Arkansas, and Frank Gillett will work on his father's farm at Hamilton, Mo. Several other men signified their intentions of leaving as soon as they can make arrangements.

After deciding to disband for the rest of the year, the Glee Club serenaded Christian and Stephens colleges. Several selections were given in front of the University Library.

The Glee Club will hold its final meeting of the year Tuesday, May 1, for the election of officers. Plans are being made to give the members of the clubs shingles in recognition of their work this year.

FARM HOUSE HOLDS CONCLAVE

C. B. Hutchison, Former Member of M. U. Faculty, Attends Meeting.

The first annual Farm House conclave was held at the local chapter last week. Prof. C. B. Hutchison, former member of the University faculty and graduate of the University, is national president of the Farm House organization. Professor Hutchison is now at the Bussy Institution of Harvard University. He is one of the seven who organized the first chapter of the Farm House here in 1905, and took an active part in the organization of the two other Farm House chapters at the University of Illinois and Nebraska.

Other members present at the conclave were: Prof. H. P. Rusk of the University of Illinois, who is also a charter member of the Missouri Farm House, and Prof. R. E. Holland, an alumni of the Nebraska Farm House. Professor Holland and R. W. Carpenter were the delegates representing the chapter at Lincoln. W. B. Fairbanks of Chicago represented the Illinois chapter, which was established at Champaign in 1911.

Bond Issue Bill Sent to White House.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, April 23.—The \$7,000,000,000 Bond Issue Bill awaits only the signature of President Wilson to become an actuality. The House and Senate today unanimously accepted the conference report on the measure, and it was sent to the White House for the official signature, which is the final act necessary to make it a law.

Columbians Move to Kansas City.

Mrs. Stuart Reed and daughter, Miss Mary Reed, will go to Kansas City Thursday to live. They have lived in Columbia about two years.

WITH THE FOURTH ESTATE: JOURNALISM WEEK COMING

(While many details are yet to be arranged, the program for the meetings of Journalism Week is practically complete. Those who have accepted invitations to speak thus far will be given in a series of articles in the Missourian.)

The eighth annual Journalism Week of the University of Missouri will be held from May 14 to 18. Eight state associations which will hold their annual meetings here during the week are: The Missouri Writers' Guild, the Missouri Press Association, the Association of Past Presidents of the Missouri Press Association, the League of Missouri Advertising Clubs, the Association of Missouri Afternoon Dailies, the State Intercollegiate Press Association, the Missouri Women's Press Association and the Missouri Association of High School Journals.

Monday, May 14.
The first day will be turned over to the Missouri Writers' Guild. It will hold a morning and afternoon session and a subscription dinner in the evening. The officers of the guild are: President, Lee Shippey, of Higginsville, a magazine writer and editor of the Higginsville Jeffersonian; vice-presidents, John Breckenridge Ellis of Plattsburg, a novelist, and Mrs. Emily Newell Blair of Carthage, a magazine writer; secretary and treasurer, Floyd C. Shoemaker of Columbia, secretary of the Missouri State Historical Society and author of "Missouri's Struggle for Statehood." The executive committee is composed of William H. Hamby, Grace M. Sissons, Arthur F. Killick (Fatty Lewis) and Edgar Waite.

Honorary members of the guild are Winston Churchill, Augustus Thomas, Sara Teasdale, Rose O'Neill, Homer Croy, Edna Kenton, Fannie Hurst, Rupert Hughes and Maude Radford Warren.

ALEX KIMBROUGH, NEGRO, DIES

Boone County National Bank Janitor Had Served 18 Years.

After faithfully serving as janitor for the Boone County National Bank for eighteen years, Alex Kimbrough, one of Columbia's old negroes, laid aside his brush and broom for the last time a week ago. Saturday he died after a week's illness. He was 70 years old. For the last thirty years he had been in the service of R. B. Price, president of the Boone County National Bank. Before he was janitor at the bank Kimbrough was a house servant for Mr. Price. Kimbrough kept his place at the bank because of his trustworthiness. "He was most rigidly honest," said R. B. Price, Jr., in paying a tribute to the old negro.

Alex, as he was more familiarly known, was as thrifty as he was honest. He built a house for himself and daughter from his savings. They lived at 502 North Third street.

The funeral was held this afternoon at his home. The Knights of Pythias had charge of the service.

4 "Y" MEN TO STATE MEETING

Annual Conference of College Associations to Be Held at Fulton.

Four representatives of the local Y. M. C. A. will attend the conference of the college associations of Missouri at Fulton April 27, 28 and 29. They are Nathan Scarrity, president, Alex Hope, Morris Dry and Alex Capehart.

The conference is held annually. Work will be outlined for the new officers of the state student associations.

Leaders of the conference will be R. C. Pifer of St. Louis, traveling secretary of the state executive committee, W. W. Crutchfield and W. H. Tinker of New York City, members of the International Committee.

FISH SUPPER AFFECTS FOUR

Mrs. I. Wolfson and Children Ill With Potomac Poisoning.

Potomac poisoning from a supper of fish, according to attending physicians, was the cause of the illness of Mrs. I. Wolfson and her four children, 509 Cherry street, last night. They have recovered. Their dog, who also enjoyed a supper of fish, is ill.

Turkey Also Breaks With U. S.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, April 23.—Turkey has broken relations with the United States, the State Department was officially advised today by Minister Stovall at Bern.

English Club to Meet Tonight.

The English Club of the University will meet tonight at the home of Prof. J. S. Ankeney, 906 Conley avenue. Professor Ankeney will read from "Mobilizing America," a new book by Arthur Bullard.

THE WEATHER

For Columbia and vicinity: Generally fair tonight and probably Tuesday; mild temperature.

For Missouri: Generally fair tonight and probably Tuesday; warmer extreme north portion.

Weather Conditions.
The weather is still rather cold all along the northern border, and in Nevada, southern Utah and Colorado, but in the remainder of the country nearly normal spring weather obtains.

During the past day or two precipitation has been confined to comparatively small areas in the Lake region, the South Atlantic Coast, and along the North Pacific Coast.

There is a tendency to storm development in the Central Plains and eastern Rocky Mountain slope, but the indications are that mostly fair weather will prevail in Missouri during the next thirty-six hours, probably becoming somewhat unsettled during the latter part of the period or on Wednesday.

The highest temperature in Columbia yesterday was 81 and the lowest last night was 53; precipitation 0.00; relative humidity 2 p. m. yesterday 29 per cent. A year ago yesterday the highest temperature was 67 and the lowest 42; precipitation 0.04 inch.

Local Data.
Sun rises today, 5:21 a. m. Sun sets, 6:54 p. m.
Moon sets 9:39 p. m.
The Temperatures Today.

7 a. m. 59 11 a. m. 74
8 a. m. 62 12 (noon) 76
9 a. m. 68 1 p. m. 78
10 a. m. 71 2 p. m. 81

ALLIES DRIVE STEADILY

British Take 2 More Towns—Turks Defeated 60 Miles North of Bagdad.

By United Press
WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN THE FIELD, April 23.—Slow, steady smashing by British forces from near Lens to around St. Quentin today brought in numbers of prisoners running into four figures. Unofficial reports declare the towns of Guemappe and Gavrelle have fallen into British hands. A vast quantity of booty is being captured all along the front by the British forces.

Guemappe is on the main road from Arras to Cambrai, about five miles from Arras. It lies directly south of Monchy.

Gavrelle is on the main highway from Arras to Douai, about half way between the two cities.

French Beat off Surprise Attacks.

By United Press
PARIS, April 23.—French troops fought back two violent German counter-attacks in the vicinity of Moronvillers, today's official statement asserted. Three German surprise attacks in the Woivre and Vosges districts, evidently designed to create a diversion from the main point of attack, were beaten back. Active artillery combat south of St. Quentin to Rheims is reported.

British 60 Miles North of Bagdad.

By United Press
LONDON, April 23.—British forces north of Bagdad have achieved another victory over the Turkish army, the official war statement announced today. The enemy forces evacuated the remainder of their Istanbul positions which were stormed Saturday. The positions lie sixty miles north of Bagdad and only ten miles from Samarra, where the Turkish army is now camping.

RAVENEL TO HIGH ARMY OFFICE

Is Major in Reserve Corps—Old Medical Branch to End June 1.

Dr. M. P. Ravenel of the School of Medicine of the University is now a major in the Officers' Reserve Corps of the United States Army, the highest commission which one of his profession can hold. The commission was signed by President Wilson on March 6 and forwarded to Doctor Ravenel. Doctor Ravenel held a commission of first lieutenant in the Medical Reserve Corps, but this branch will be abolished by law on June 1.

Two Jones Children Buried Here.

The funeral services for Wilson Jones, 3 years old, and Howard Jones, 1 year old, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Jones of Tulsa, Okla., were held this morning at the Christian Church. The children died of measles April 16. They were the grandsons of G. E. Jones of the Hetzler Packing Company.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Morris Dead.

The 4-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Morris, five miles southwest of Columbia, died yesterday morning. Funeral services were held today from the Old Union Church. The Rev. Madison A. Hart of the First Christian Church officiated.

Son for Prof. and Mrs. H. L. Kempster.

A son, John Stephen, was born to Prof. and Mrs. H. L. Kempster, 1408 Rosemary lane, this morning.

GARDNER MAY NAME STATE DEFENSE BODY

Branch of National Council to Be Outcome of the Food Conference.

BANKERS TO ASSIST

Financiers Will Seek Plan for Furnishing Cheaper Money to Farmers.

By United Press
JEFFERSON CITY, April 23.—A Council for Defense in Missouri, probably to be selected by Governor Gardner for mobilizing the resources of the state for war will be the outcome of the food conference in the new capital today. A resolution looking to the organization of such a council was introduced immediately after the conference was called to order. The state council will be a branch of the Council for National Defense.

Jefferson City was alive with mayors from practically every city and town of the state and agricultural experts from this and many other states. A conference of bankers was called for this afternoon. It is likely the financiers will attempt to organize some system for giving the farmers cheap money without security to boost agricultural resources and assist in raising a maximum crop this year.

In his speech Governor Gardner told the delegates that history in repeating itself will show that the burden of war will be placed on the shoulders of the farmers. If this war is to be won it must be won by the work of the American farmers, Gardner said.

The governor said the Missouri Council of Defense would be perfected within a few days. The solution of the financial opportunity for the farmer is the fundamental question that must be settled and settled at once. "I believe, therefore, that changes should be made in our financial system. The principle of the federal loan system is sound but the machinery is too complicated. It is too far removed from the man who wishes to borrow. The plan and scope of it is too narrow."

Mrs. Gardner, wife of the governor, took the 500 delegates to the back yard of the executive mansion and with her hoe showed them how she was cultivating a garden which will be able to supply food for themselves for all year.

FOOD CONFERENCE AT CAPITAL

Many Experts Attend Meeting Called to Consider Crop Situation.

Bankers, city executives from all over the state, members of the faculty of the College of Agriculture and officers of the State Board of Agriculture are meeting in Jefferson City today in answer to the proclamation issued by Governor Frederick D. Gardner asking that they confer with him to help devise ways to increase the farm products of Missouri. Bankers will be asked to lend money to the farmers so they may buy additional machinery to help increase their yield. "The crops in Missouri have been short for the last three years," said Prof. P. M. Brandt today. "Short crops have prevented the farmers from buying improved machinery. Larger acreages will necessitate new implements, but the farmers can't buy them unless they are able to get money on easier terms."

The proclamation says it is imperative not only that the usual acreage be planted and harvested but that every vacant town and city lot be utilized, as well as the railroad right-of-ways and hundreds of thousands of other available acres within the borders of the state.

Dean F. B. Mumford, of the College of Agriculture, as well as Prof. A. J. Meyer, Prof. J. C. Hackleman, Prof. P. H. Ross and other members of the agricultural faculty are attending the meeting at Jefferson City. Jewell Mayes and W. L. Nelson of the State Board of Agriculture are also attending.

War Taxation Meeting 7:15 Tonight.

The meeting of faculty members and students of the University to consider war taxation will be held at 7:15 o'clock tonight instead of 7:30, on account of the Missouri-Kansas debate. Eldon R. James, dean of the School of law, will preside at the meeting, which will be held in Room 30, Academic Hall.